



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0321	Title:	Create penalty for voter suppression
Primary Sponsor:	Williams, Carol	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Judicial Branch

1. This bill establishes penalties for violations of laws protecting the rights of voters and allows the penalties assessed by an election administrator to be appealed in district court.
2. It is assumed that appeals to penalties assessed by election administrators will be infrequent. There may be a minimal increase to district court workload as a result of this legislation; however, the Judicial Branch is unable to estimate the impact on judicial workload or the fiscal impact.

Office of Public Instruction

3. The change would allow school trustees or the county election administrator, depending on who is conducting the election, to assess the costs of determining the sufficiency of the challenge against the person who filed the challenge if the trustees or election administrator determines that the challenge was not made in good faith. A person assessed costs under the new subsection 20-20-303 (3), MCA, may appeal the assessment in district court. There are potential legal costs for school districts that choose to fight an appeal made in district court.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date